

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

[0032] As shown in FIG. 1 and more clearly in FIG. 2, the lens of the image capture in the aperture 111 is located approximately in the horizontal middle of the projection screen 105, and at or about the eye level of the participants. This results in some portion of the image projected on the projection screen 105 from the other conference room being displaced by [[to]] the body of the camera 110 and the aperture 111. The displaced portion of the image will typically correspond to a location at or near the horizontal middle of the screen 105 and at a predetermined height. To make the aperture 111 and the loss of this portion of the image less noticeable, the rooms 100 and their contents are configured so that this portion of the image contains a visually insignificant area. This may be done, for example, by placing an item or field 126 in each conference room at approximately the above described location, for example, such as a control panel 126 on a table 125. The control panel is used to operate the video and audio equipment for the rooms, as such is not noticed by the participants. Such control panels 126a,b are present on the tables 125a,b in both conference rooms, as can be seen in FIG. 2. Whatever form the item 126 has, it preferably has dark rear coloration so as to make the aperture 111 (which itself will be dark) less noticeable. Because of the visually insignificant nature of the item 126, the participants do not notice the camera when looking at the image of the participants in the other conference room and facilitating the feeling of being in the same room, instead of being "on camera." Because of the similar configuration of the conference rooms, the result is the same for the participants in the other conference room. Also, the lens of the camera 110 may be coated with an anti-reflective coating to minimize glare, thereby further making the lens 110 less obtrusive. Alternatively, the aperture can have a non-reflective, transparent cover, behind which the camera 110 is situated.